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by Robert N. Taylor

LTV/Allegheny give boost to black scholars

Cleveland-based LTV Corporation, one of the nation's leading steel companies, and Allegheny College, ranked among the country's top liberal arts colleges have created the Distinguished African-American Scholars Program for high school students. Program benefits include fully paid tuition, summer employment and the opportunity for a permanent career at LTV Steel, the largest supplier of flat rolled steel to the U.S. automotive, appliance and electrical equipment industries. The scholarship requires that all students live in the City of Cleveland, and attend either a public or private school. Selection will be based on the student's high school academic record, SAT or ACT scores, citizenship in the community and character. —CLEVELAND, OH

Slavery still alive in Africa

Black slavery died in the U.S. 131 years ago, but it still lives in the Islamic Republic of Mauritania, reports the Los Angeles Sentinel from an interview with an exiled Mauritanian journalist. Sidi El Mactar Cheiguer told the Sentinel that he is seeking to inform African Americans about the plight of blacks in his country hoping the knowledge will spur blacks there to demand that the U.S. government pressure Mauritania as it pressured to end apartheid in South Africa. Cheiguer has reported that Moors, descendants of Berber and Arab tribesmen and Mauritania's ruling class have enslaved their black neighbors to the south. The U.S. State Department estimates of Mauritania's more than two million people, there may be as many as 90,000 slaves, most of them black and are "owned" by nomads. Cheiguer added that the enslavement of blacks is also on the rise in Sudan, reporting that "quoted prices are as low as \$15."

Woman said to recent sex charges against Reynolds

The young woman who accused black Congressman Mel Reynolds of having sex with her when she was a minor has reported.

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CBC; a voice of reason under Payne

by L. Michelle Odom & Sandra Wright



Congressman Donald Payne (D) and brother Bill Payne at the recent reception given in the Congressman's honor.

Friends, voters and associates gathered at the Peppermint Lounge in Orange to show support and congratulate Congressman Donald Payne on his new election to chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The event was sponsored by New Jersey African American Political Alliance, of which the congressman is the chair, and Ernie Howard, owner of the Peppermint Entertainment Complex.

The congressman's brother Bill Payne, a consultant Orange City Council member

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Governor Christine Todd Whitman and Marian Wright Edelman join the audience in a hymn at the MLK celebration. Photo: Ken Oellison

Governor Whitman and Marian Wright Edelman: 'Saving our children'

by L. Michelle Odom

On the day the nation celebrated Dr. King's birthday, children's activist, Marian Wright Edelman, president of the Children's Defense Fund laid out a challenge to this generation of leaders to spark a movement to save our children. In her remarks at a King holiday celebration at the St. James African Methodist Church in Newark, Edelman addressed the crowd with vigor and determination.

"I hope we will pick up the overarching challenge in our nation in rebuilding a sense of community and hope, civility and caring, safety and future for all of our children," she said.

"I hope we will ask on this birthday, 'can we compose and perform together another great movement of America's unfinished symphony of justice and opportunity? Can you and I act to move our nation back from the brink of violent chaos, racial regression and class warfare? Can we warn about? Can we find a critical mass of caring citizens who are willing to stand up and say enough to the killing of children every two hours in this nation? Can we find a critical mass of political leaders who will care more about the next generation than about the next election?' I believe we can."

Edelman drew a statistical portrait of life for many children in America. She said, "since Dr. King's death over one million Americans have been killed violently here at home including tens of thousands of children. 275,000 of them were black, almost 17 million children have been born out of wedlock, less than half or 6 million were black, over 13 million children have been born to teen mothers and a full 6 million were black, and at least 16 million babies have been born into poverty of which 4 million were black."

"An American child is abused or neglected every 26 seconds, born into poverty every half minute to a teen mother, every minute she's arrested for a violent crime, this is the overarching child's fate in America and we have got to face it if we're going to have a decent future. These shameful numbers, which cut across race and class, have small individual faces and feelings and suffering."

Edelman recalled the day Dr. King asked our nation a present, urgent and timely question—"Where do we go from here—chaos or community—in this post-cold war era of unbearable dissonance between promise and performance, between good politics and good policy, between America's racial

creed and America's racial deed, between professed and practiced family values, between calls for community and rampant individualism and greed, between our capacity to prevent and alleviate child deprivation and our political will to do so?"

"In a world in which one in five people lives on less than a dollar a day and one in five children in the richest nation on earth lives in poverty—Dr. King's question demands our 1995 answer with more urgency than ever. I believe that the overturning of our nationhood—the Declaration of Independence is awaiting its next movement—a movement that is mighty and positive and transforming—a movement that returns us to our founding fathers truths that all men are created equal and are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights."

"Our ensuing centuries of struggle to extend these truths to women, racial and other minorities should not continue, especially in this time of national moral confusion, family and community breakdown, economic fear and political volatility."

"If we are going to prevent, as we must America's dream and threat from becoming a nightmare, we must not let any of our leaders sign, and we must not acquiesce in any new political contract before we and they review what God taught us through the prophets and through the gospel, and let them review the covenant with America before we sign any new contract."

"Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and the 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments completed the first movement in our nation's symphony of freedom and justice," said Edelman. "Charles Houston, Thurgood Marshall, Dr. King, Rosa Parks, Fannie Lou Hamer and thousands of white, black and brown heroes and heroines who tore down the walls of legally sanctioned apartheid, composed the second movement. Before the new millennium, you and I must and can compose the third movement by ending the social and economic underpinnings beneath the millions of African American, Asian American, Latino, and Native American children left behind."

The eloquent speech reminded our political leaders that significant gains were made as a result of the Civil Rights Movement. "Despite the stereotypes of all social programs today," she said, "there was real progress. Some things did and don't work, and it is important to protect them. While we're healthy to sort out what works and what doesn't, we need to be specific."

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The Rev. Bernice King (c), daughter of the late Martin Luther King, Jr. recently spoke at the AT&T Global Business Communications Systems in Basking Ridge during a celebration of her father's birthday. Pictured (l to r): John Wilson, VP of distribution and technologies; Dana Becker Dunn, VP of communications systems and services; Rev. King; Rabbi David Nesson of the Morristown Jewish Center; and Plainfield Mayor Mark Furry.



Betty Neal of East Orange a retired teacher chereceives the Martin Luther King, Jr. award for Excellence from East Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper. Photo: Glenn Frieson

Plainfield honors King

by Sherry Burrus

Each third Monday of the new year the "Dream" is kept alive by millions of African Americans, Hispanics, Asians, Caucasians or shall we simply say people. People who unite to celebrate the birth and existence of a man who exemplified the epitome of what every person, regardless of sex, race or creed, must possess in order to achieve racial harmony.

Honage was paid to a "King" who dreamed of his seeing his four little children grow up to live in a nation where they would not be judged by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character, a man who believed "injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."

The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a selfless man who committed his life to building, not only racial harmony, but racial justice and equality. Dr. King, to many, was the light at the end of the tunnel which shined so brightly and was witnessed by people from all walks of life.

The Queen City, Plainfield, recognized King's legacy with a number of celebrations throughout the city. One such celebration was the Plainfield Frontiers International Plainfield Area Club nineteenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Breakfast: Taking

Responsibility, at the Plainfield High School. People of all ages packed the high school cafeteria to remember and pay tribute to Dr. King's legacy, tenacity and ever so popular dream.

Proving that the King holiday was not just "another day off," but one to celebrate a very special life, scholarships were presented by the Frontiers Club to Tanisha Jenee Lucas and Cherise Harris high school graduates from the class of 1994.

In addition, a Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to Dr. Melwood L. Davis, one of the founding members of the Plainfield Frontiers Club and director of Urban Affairs. Davis also led the Africa Task Force in the Senegal Zone and was greatly responsible for launching YMCA programs in the Senegal region.

The audience of approximately 500 attentively listened to the long awaited woman of the hour, Professor Cleaster Whitehurst-Mims of the Marva Collins Preparatory School, in Cincinnati, Ohio, a sister of Weaville Preparatory School of Chicago, and former graduate and professor of Xavier University also in Cincinnati, who spoke enthusiastically of Dr. King's contributions and reminded the audience of their duties.

"Martin Luther King took responsibility, not just for himself but for all of us,

If he hadn't started the march on Washington there may still be a wall in Germany—there may still have been communism," Whitehurst-Mims said.

"King was a man of action and we celebrate him for his action...but we must do more than celebrate. We must emulate his moral character, his conviction and commitment. King stressed no one can climb upon your back if it's not bent."

The speaker went on to encourage the audience to take responsibility for their lives and the future of their children.

"Despite the barriers, we must take the necessary risk to ensure our own survival. We (African Americans) can no longer expect others to do for us what we are capable of doing ourselves."

Whitehurst-Mims began her teaching career in 1970 in the Cincinnati school systems. Although she retired in 1991, her work as an educator was far from over. She is continuing her legacy of, her pride and joy, providing quality education to children through the establishment of the Marva Collins Preparatory School. At the school, she takes on the duties of secretary, janitor, nursemaid, controller, counselor, grant-writer, teacher, administrator and president of the board of directors.

Mims says it is imperative that if we, as parents feel our (Continued on page 10)

Community Calendar

TUESDAY THRU SUNDAYS
ROSELLE-ice skating in Wannano Park. Also family sessions are available. For more info call 908 298-7850.

MONTH OF JANUARY
JERSEY CITY—The Jersey City Library will sponsor a host of films each Wednesday throughout the month, at 1 p.m., including Tomb Raider, A Bronx Tale, Another State Out and The Fugitive. For more info call 201 547-4546.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 23
JERSEY CITY—"How to Achieve Discipline: A New Approach for Parents and Educators" will take place at Hudson County Community College. For more info call 201-714-2107.

NOWTHRU FEBRUARY 18
JERSEY CITY—Hudson County Community College will offer an intro. to French course. Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. For more info call 201 714-2107.

JANUARY 30 & FEBRUARY 6
WESTFIELD—There will be a Nan-y course for children providers at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. For more info call 908 654-9654.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
WAYNE—Former NY mayor David Dinkins will speak at William Paterson College about "The Future of the American City" at 8 p.m. For more info call 201-996-2371.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 19
NEW BRUNSWICK—Plainsfield artist Alonzo Adams will have a solo art exhibition at the Crossroads to 9th Young Gifted and Black series. For more info or gallery hours info call 908-249-5560.

NOW THRU MARCH 7
PLAINFIELD—Literary Volunteers of America is hosting two Winter Basic Literacy Tutoring Training Workshops on Tuesdays from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 908 755-7995.

JANUARY 26 & 30
JERSEY CITY—Karen DeAngelis, director of JCS's Women's Center will give a lecture series at Jersey City State College. To register and for times call 201 200-3189.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 25
CRANFORD—Union County College will host a training session for the volunteer mentor program designed to mentor juveniles who have been adjudicated as delinquent from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7603 or 908-527-4300.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
NEW YORK—Examine women who shaped the fashion industry as part

of Fraunces Tavern Museum's lunch time talk series at 12:30 p.m. For more info call 212 425-1776.

WAYNE—Vocalist Kevin Maynor explores black classical art songs in the William Paterson College Midday concert series at 12:30 p.m. For more info call 20595-3271.

PLAINFIELD—Plainsfield Senior Citizens Center offers a health talk on heart attacks at 10:30 a.m. For more info call 908-753-3006.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 27
JERSEY CITY—"From Plantation to Prison" focuses on the problems stemming from ATOD (alcohol, tobacco and other drugs) at the Monumental Baptist Church at 7 p.m. For more info call 201-451-8888.

JANUARY 27 & 28
NEW YORK—African Libraries in the information age symposium at Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. For more info call 212-491-2200.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29
SCOTCH PLAINS—Sudden Impact Youth of scotch Plains will be hosting a Super Bowl party at 5 p.m. at Evangelical Church. For more info call 908-322-9300.

ORANGE—Battle of the Youth Bands competition featuring bands from various high schools and organizations will be at the Popperman Ballroom, 175 Central Ave., from 1 to 4 p.m.

JANUARY 29 & 30
Tune into to NJN's State of the Arts examining Billboard messages that are intended to deter teens from using drugs in Jersey City at 11:30 a.m. (on 1/29) and 9:30 p.m. (on 1/30). Check your local listings for channel.

MONDAY, JANUARY 29
MONTCLAIR—Montclair Art Museum will host its semi-annual Community Open House from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. For more info call 201-746-5555.

IRVINGTON—Super Bowl Gala at 1 p.m. at Brokers. All day buffet and 2 hour open bar. For more info contact B.T. at 201-923-1172 or Diane at 201-877-3839 or Deborah at 201-371-0690.

MONDAY, JANUARY 30
SCOTCH PLAINS—Auditions are being held for the comedy "What the Bellhop Saw" at the Villagers Theatre at 7 p.m. Scripts can be picked up at the Franklin Township Library. For more info call 908-873-2710.

FEBRUARY 1 - MARCH 1
EDISON—Mid Essex County College presents an exhibit of photographs entitled Ethiopia: Motherland at the College Gallery Center from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. (a reception for the artist on Feb. 2 from 7 to 9 p.m.). For more info call 908-906-2566.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4
NEW YORK—There will be a symposium on the exhibit: Images of Struggle and Spirit from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Fraunces Tavern Museum. For more info call 212-423-1672.

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Mayor Sharpe James presents the Key to the city of Newark to children's activist Marian Wright Edelman, at the January 16 Martin Luther King Jr. celebration held at St. James African Methodist Church in Newark.

Photo: Ken DeBello



PATERSON—Sweet Survival, the award-winning gift package company, will be a regular feature on the Food News & Views segment of the Television Food Network.

Shirley Frazier, president of Sweet Survival, plans to showcase a variety of gift packages throughout the year relevant to upcoming occasions and festivities. Frazier announced, "We received overwhelming viewer response to our first cable showing in December which featured gift packages for the New Year celebration." The company plans to install a toll-free order number by January 31, when Sweet Survival will air its Valentine's Day Selections.

New York-based Television Food Network is the only cable network devoted to food and food-related topics throughout the country. Food News & Views is hosted by Donna Hanover, former Fox 5 reporter and wife of New York's Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, and David Rosengarten, food and wine journalist.

Gov. Whitman selected for leadership award

TRENTON—Governor Christine Whitman has been selected as one of four recipients of the "Breaking the Glass Ceiling" Award given by the National Leadership Conference of Women Executives in State Government (WESG). The award will be presented on January 31 at the ANA Hotel in Washington D.C.

The awards are in four categories: a woman in state government, a person in the private sector, a person in the public sector, and a governor. "I am honored to have been selected for the award," Whitman said. "The WESG has been working hard to focus greater attention on the barriers which have historically faced women in advancing their careers and the recognition which goes with the award will serve to sharpen that focus."

Freeholder Walter McLeod (back row center) presented a resolution to Marion Curry (3rd from right) of Rahway, 1st vice president of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW), Rahway Section, honoring the group for providing holiday dinners to senior citizens for 25 years. Looking on are, (front row l-r): Mary Truppa of Rahway, president, Golden Age of Rahway; Bernadette Alerio, Colonia resident, president of the Rahway Chapter AARP #607; Keronda Hunter of Rahway, Junior Miss NCNW; Marion Curry; Linda Jeter, of Elizabeth, coordinator of the Rahway Municipal Alliance through the Rahway YMCA and council member-at-large Salvatore Mione. (back row l-r): George Yack of Rahway, president of the Rahway Retired Men's Club; Little Henderson of Rahway, chairperson of Senior Citizen Annual Holiday Dinner and Freeholder McLeod.

EAST ORANGE—The East Orange High School Class of 1955 is planning a 40th reunion for November 1995. Anyone knowing the location of former classmates should send name, address and phone number to: Phyllis Vasta Kunc, 577 Centre St., Nutley, NJ 07110.

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edly recanted the allegation. However, no one has heard from the woman in question. The alleged recantation came from a man claiming to represent the woman and was presented in a shabby Ontario court room. According to the original indictment Reynolds had a consensual sexual relationship with the woman when she was a 16-year-old volunteer in his 1992 Congressional campaign. The case has grown confusing because the State's attorney says the woman has not recanted the allegation to either the police or to his office. Jack O'Malley accused the man who made the recantation, Reginald Turner, of "an apparent media stunt."

CHICAGO, IL

Cleveland's public housing nation's most improved

In a dramatic turnaround, reflecting the potential of public housing, Cleveland's once-troubled Cuyahoga Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA) received the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development's (HUD) "Greatest Improved Performance Award" in a category of very large public housing authorities with 6,000 units or more. CMHA was also honored for being removed from HUD's "troubled" list for the first time in 15 years. Leading CMHA's pace-setting achievements is Claire Freeman, a former HUD assistant secretary, who in five years has orchestrated an almost unbelievable face-lift of one of the nation's largest public housing authorities. Prior to Freeman's arrival in 1990, HUD considered CMHA to be among the nation's worst public housing systems. "We are breaking the stigma attached to public housing," said Freeman, a Cleveland native. "At a time when some politicians are discussing reviving orphanages, we are showing how to restore dignity, pride and unity back into the family." —CLEVELAND, OH

CHILDWATCH

by Marian Wright Edelman

Every January I, many of us promise to go on a diet, get more exercise, work less overtime, or any one of countless New Year's resolutions which we annually make and break. This year, let's make a commitment we can't turn back to keep—to become part of the solution to the crisis facing our children.

Before we can pull up the weeds of poverty, violence, materialism, and greed that are suffocating our children in our society, we must pull up the weeds in our own backyards. So many children are confused about what is right and wrong because so many adults talk right and do wrong in our person-

al, professional, and public lives.

The first step is to conduct a personal audit to determine if we are contributing to the crisis or the solution that black children urgently need.

If you are not supporting a child you brought into the world with attention, time, love, discipline, the teaching of values, and money, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you are using and abusing tobacco, alcohol, cocaine, or other drugs while telling your children not to, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you have guns in your home and rely on them to feel safe and powerful, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you are spending more time worrying about your children's clothes than about their character, about the kinds of cars they are driving than about how they got the cars and where and with whom they are driving, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you are spending more time on your children's recreation than their education, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you think it's somebody else's responsibility to teach your children respect, good manners, and wise and healthy habits, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If you send rather than take your

child to Sunday school and worship services, and believe that the Sermon on the Mount, Ten Commandments, and the Koran pertain only to one day of worship, but not Monday through Sunday home, professional, and political life, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

If your children know more about Dr. Dre than Dr. Dubois and are more exposed to obscene music that disrespects our grandmothers, mothers, sisters and daughters than they are to the inspirational lives of Sojourner Truth and Mary McLeod Bethune, then you are part of the problem and not the solution.

If your children think that being smart and studying hard is acting white, rather than taking black and

not know about the many great black achievers who overcame every obstacle to succeed, then you are part of the problem rather than part of the solution.

If you still are using white racism as an excuse for not voting and are not holding political leaders accountable for voting relative pennies for Head Start and pounds for the defense budget, and for opposing welfare to poor mothers and children while protecting welfare for rich farmers and corporate executives, then you are part of the problem rather than the solution.

Marian Wright Edelman is the president of the Children's Defense Fund and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children.

The lynching of affirmative action

WASHINGTON DC—After "law and order," "busing," "welfare queen" and "Willie Horton," it is quite likely that the Republicans will choose affirmative action as their "wedge issue" to divide the electorate (and the country) in the 1996 elections. Governor Pete Wilson and the California Republican Party are already acting to put an initiative on the 1996 California primary or general election ballot to make affirmative action illegal.

It is also quite likely that the vast majority of Democrats, including the President, will not adequately defend affirmative action. (If the President will not defend his own wife after she is called a bitch by the Speaker of the House, what makes you think he will defend affirmative action?)

What is affirmative action anyway? It has been called a lot of things e.g., reverse discrimination, an attack on the merit system, etc. It is none of these. Affirmative action is not reparations (repair for damage done), but a conservative remedy to offset historic negative action. Affirmative action is equal opportunity!

After 250 years of slavery, another 100 years of apartheid, the Supreme Court in *Brown v. Board of Education* (1954), which established the legal principle of "equal protection under the law" for all Americans, overturned

Plessy v. Ferguson (1896), which established the "separate but equal" legal doctrine.

Following *Brown*, "equal protection" laws were passed outlawing discrimination. 1964 Civil Rights Act, the 1965 Voting Rights Act, the 1968 Open Housing Act. In one sense however, these "you can't discriminate any more" laws were neutral. They did nothing to overcome the legacy of racial and gender discrimination or ongoing institutional discrimination.

Affirmative action meant "going out of your way to include people looked out historically," advertising in minority and women's media, recruiting on historically black college campuses, etc.

According to the Rainbow Coalition, all affirmative action was to get one in the pool one consideration so that everyone has an equal opportunity of being chosen for the job or admitted to the university. Affirmative action does not get you the job or admitted the school and you have to be qualified (or qualified) to even be in the pool. The qualifications must be job or function related, i.e., no college degrees required for street sweepers.

If those who have been looked out historically get in the pool and

over time, do not get chosen, then one knows that discrimination is continuing, because everyone was in the pool and had an equal opportunity of being chosen. If two people are equally qualified because of historic discrimination, race and gender can be used as a factor, and could tip the scales in favor of the minority or woman.

How does one measure whether progress is being made or not; whether one's affirmative action efforts are effective? Establish goals and timetables.

What happens if you don't meet the goals and timetables and someone sues you (a company or school) to court? The courts, through case histories, have established criteria that determine whether someone has made a "good faith effort" to reach the goal and timetable. If they have, then we can renew even more diligent efforts to meet the goal within another time frame.

However, if the courts determine that one has not made a good faith effort, they can impose sanctions i.e., fines, penalties and quotas.

What is in the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the American people is a certain equality and *colorblindness*, if not a guaranteed result, certainly a guaranteed

equal opportunity. But unless one agrees with the racism inherent in Charles Murray's *Bel Curve*, since "we are all the same as human beings," it each of us genuinely has equal opportunity, then the results too will be equal.

Certainly, God had not given just one group, one race, one gender, or one side of town a monopoly on genius, ideas, economic and political power.

Thus, when President Clinton, quoting from the D.C.'s Democratic Leadership Council (New Orleans Declaration), says that he believes in equal opportunity, but not equal results, he is operating

off of a racist premise i.e., that genuine equal opportunity is not enough for some people. He seems to be saying, some groups are inherently inferior and, therefore, require something more than a truly equal opportunity to achieve an equal result.

The Rainbow Coalition does not believe that. It believes that only external social, economic and political circumstances prohibited people of all races and both genders from achieving equal results and that given true equal educational, equal political and equal economic opportunity, people of all races and both sexes will achieve the same result.

Voice of reason

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Donald Page presented him with an original oil painting by Leon Page, entitled "Slave Convoy."

Later in a personal interview with City News Page noted that the Congressional Black Caucus will continue to fight for policies that benefit the people it represents.

"We're resolved to be a force in the Congress," said newly elected Chairman Donald D. Payne (D-NJ), even though the CBC has been stripped of funding. "We're just going to have to

look at different ways of operating," said Payne.

Payne will still be the conscience of Congress, we will still be the truth squad to bring information to the public so that we can have a forum with Americans to let them hear the other side of that contract and what's wrong with the contract, we're going to be the voice of reason."

Payne was referring to the GOP "Contract with America," that "tends

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Sinbad stars in Aliens For Breakfast

OAK BROOK, IL—Richard Bricker is in a bad mood; he's late for school, he hates his hi-tops and all he gets for breakfast is cold cereal. But wait: the cereal is alive with an alien. It's a six-inch tall, green from head-to-toe Sinbad.

The newest installment of McDonald's family Theater, *Aliens For Breakfast* airs Saturday, January

28 from 8 to 9 p.m. (EST) on the ABC Television Network, (check local listings to confirm air date and time). Sinbad (*A Different World* and new movie *House Guest*) stars as Aric, the "cereal box" alien.

The feature presentation is based on the book with the same title, *Aliens For Breakfast*, co-authored by Stephanie Spinner, a Random House

editor, and the late Jonathan Ebra, a humorist and was adapted for television by Larry Wilson.

McDonald's Family Theater is a series of prime-time television specials that brings popular children's books to life. It's also a part of McDonald's "Book Some Time Together" campaign, which promotes literacy and family reading.

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OPINION EDITORIAL

What did January 16 mean to you?

While most of us are aware that this past January 16 was in celebration of the life of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., we wonder how many of us actually celebrated this "great man's" existence. So ask yourself, "What did January 16 mean to me?" Were you one of those who just took the day off to go to the mall or watch your soap operas, or did you help to execute the dream?

Most people tend to believe that they know just about all there is to know about Dr. King. However, January 16 was not all about learning about him...and there is so much to learn. January 16 was about being part of the dream. It was about peacefully gathering to show gratification to the man who helped us reach one of those shiny brass rings on this carousel we call life.

Imagine what would have been like if Dr. King had not come to the aid of Rosa Parks. If Dr. King had not led the boycott of 1955, who then would have stood up for the rights of African Americans and persevered as he did? Many have tried, but few have been able to accomplish what Dr. King did.

Critics have harshly chastised Dr. King for his non-violent tactics. Yet it is through those non-violent tactics that laws were correctly enacted, changed and written. It was through those non-violent tactics that many who claim to have pulled themselves up by their bootstraps have actually been elevated to their positions by standing on the shoulders of Dr. King and his other non-violent counterparts.

Dr. King has opened the door for us—Americans—African Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian Americans, Euro Americans and more to reach for the brass rings of conscience and character. Let us never forget, though, that one door or brass ring is not enough, we must not only celebrate but emulate Dr. King's character until our neighborhoods are bombarded with rings of "gold."

Letters to the editor

Some politicians have a mind of their own

Dear editor,

Although it may be fashionable to knock politicians these days, here in Irvington we have at least three officials who certainly did what was best for the citizens. Dave Fuller, Yolanda Walton, and Patrick McNally have proven that they stand up for the people of this community. Board of Education members Dave Fuller and Yolanda Walton should be commended for standing up to former Mayor/School Business Administrator Michael Steele, and saying no to his demand for an unprecedented third leave of absence so he could campaign for re-election as mayor.

In light of the School Ethics Commission's recent decision to suspend Steele without pay for one year, it appears as if Walton and Fuller are the only Board of Education members who are independent, and put the education of children above politics. But what does this say of the other Board members, including our current South Ward Councilwoman Lebbey Jones, who was a board member at the time? Merely that they were Steele's stooges, and did his bidding for him. Our Council President, Patrick McNally is also an independent thinker. I can recall the debate over the purchase of 404 Coit St., when former Mayor Steele proposed buying this property so we could do our own recycling in house. Councilman McNally insisted that the township should not buy this over-priced property as it was contaminated. Steele got Councilman Beasley to push through the purchase, over the objections of Councilman McNally, who called for a constitutional testing of the property and an independent appraisal, that valued \$100,000 off the original asking price. As it turns out, McNally was right, and now the township has to spend more money on a piece of property that should never have been purchased in the first place.

The common thread to these two situations is that former Mayor Steele exhibited incredibly bad judgment in both of them, and I shudder to think of what else this man was allowed to get away with, and at what cost to the taxpayer?

by Robert Cuber
Irvington

Stop stealing from our children

Dear editor,

As a resident of this city I feel compelled to alert you about the injustices taking place in the city of Paterson. School funds are always a matter of question when talking about educating the urban children, so when I witnessed misappropriation of funds I became outraged. Included in the grants that come through this system there is a Good Start and an Even Start grant. These two grants total approximately \$1 million.

Bills coming through these grants should be looked at and analyzed. Officials should pay special attention to payroll and the amount of overtime paid to personnel and non-personnel. The purchasing department should also be asked to produce records for accounts such as "Home Style Deli," desks, telephones and computers (more than 10) have been purchased for a grant that only employs four people.

Some of these items have been unaccounted for to date. Questionable overtime has taken secretaries and teachers salaries up nearly \$20,000 for the year. Payroll records will confirm the overtime and purchasing records will confirm Home Style and other purchases could be verified through receipts.

Please do not allow funds supposedly meant for children to get lost in your central office. Office supplies going to 133 Ellison Street and Norman S. Weir should be investigated. Trips, and overtime equipment coming out of the grants for everyone from teachers to assistant superintendents must cease.

When budgets are manipulated after they are approved by the right people and then sent to Trenton and treated as the gospel there is something wrong.

Please help us in this city!
Anonymous

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by Connie Woodruff

This is the time of year when those of us who attend a Martin Luther King, Jr. celebration or program of any kind feel better about ourselves, no matter how insincere the public gesture.

New Jersey had its fill of MLK's memory the week of January 15, and Gentiles came together; the rich rubbed shoulders with the poor; and Americans stood proud and tall because Dr. King was a man of color.

Newark mayor Sharpe James mentioned more than once that King was in his city within days of his untimely death in Memphis. It should be noted that Dr. King visited Shaw High School on that visit. Glad to be with the local white politicians was not on his agenda in the spring of '68 when the charred neighborhoods were trying to recoup from the worst riot in the city's history.

It didn't take long for enterprising elected officials, fellow clergymen, fraternity brothers and just ordinary citizens to begin to claim for buildings, streets, schools and just about anything you can think of as

named in King's memory.

In most cases these changes, no matter how laudatory, were made in the ghettos of America. In areas where black folks live, work, play and travel. Areas among the most neglected by city fathers of all races.

If people are sincere in following the many examples set by Martin Luther King, Jr., they should be willing to start in the backyards of cities by cleaning up everything bearing the man's name: streets, public housing and public buildings, schools, storefronts and programs.

It is hypocritical to profess a great love for Martin and his memory and to let any entity standing as a monument to him shrivel up like a raisin in the sun.

We don't even know whether or not our hero would be happy limited to the ghetto for the most part. The civil rights movement embraced people of all colors and there's no disputing the fact whites have benefited from its aftermath as much as a plethora of minorities.

The monument he would be most proud of in Essex County is the new MLK Federal Courts building in Newark.

THE PASTOR'S WORD

The true meaning of welfare reform

The Rev. Reginald T. Johnson
& Rev. Ralford S. Wheeler

With the convening of the 104th Congress this nation is in for major and radical change. For the first time in forty years the Republicans are the majority in the House of Representatives and also the majority in the Senate meaning they control the Congress.

In the House of Representatives, led by Speaker Newt Gingrich the majority Republicans have proposed and promised to pass in the first 100 days a "Contract With America." This "contract" if passed by the Congress will make sweeping changes

in programs enacted during Franklin Roosevelt's "New Deal" and Lyndon Johnson's "Great Society."

There will be much debate and discussion over the proposals offered by the Republican majority. And it is critically important that the views of every segment of the American population be heard and listened to. In the past there has been little input from the African American community on issues that directly affect us. For example there was little input and discussion from the African American community on the health-care issue; yet we are second in the country with the highest number of people without health-care. If we have input on these great issues we will

be left out and decisions will be made for us that we can only cry about later.

One issue which is already sparking debate is the issue of welfare reform. Most people, including a majority of African Americans believe that the present welfare system must be reformed. At present it offers no one any incentive to get off. Welfare was designed to be a bridge to get you from where you are to where you wanted to be. But the bridge has become a parking lot and we have too many people living on the bridge.

Several things have already become clear about the welfare debate. One, that unlike previous years reform will happen and two, the cost to the federal government for welfare

neighborhood, a plan vigorously opposed by Coretta Scott King and other family members.

Instead, they favor the creation of a \$60 million privately owned multimedia theme park. That makes me think of a Great Adventure or Disney World.

I'm not taking sides but it does appear that the National Park Service can do a better job highlighting the life and times of a great American without fear of having work halted midway through the project for lack of money.

Many things have changed since Martin Luther King, Jr. was a householder word and folks with money were doling out money to assuage guilt. It will take a lot of doing to raise \$60 million plus in today's economic climate.

Remembering Dr. King has become big business for the speakers who fly around the country to make us feel good with their personal memories of marching with the drum major, reminding us the Prince of Peace was also a Nobel Peace Prize winner and that the civil rights movement is designed to give all of us social and

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Kids Kalendar

JANUARY 28

NORTH BRANCH—There will be a Magic in the Sky! Planetarium Raritan Valley Community College. For more info call 908-218-8805.

JANUARY 28, AND 29

SECAUCUS—Bring your children to the Super Family Weekend and meet the Knicks Derek Harper and Glenn Howard Coast at the Auto Expo '95 at the Meadowlands Convention Center (admission for kids under 12 accompanied by adults are free). For more info call 201-330-7773.

NEWARK—The Newark Museum will present two shows at 1 and 3 p.m. entitled The Secret of the Cardboard Rocket. For more info call 201-598-6550.

SOUTH AMBOY—A performance of The Little Mermaid will appear at the Childrens Theatre at Club Bena at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

MONTH OF FEBRUARY

NEW YORK—The Children's Museum of Arts will sponsor a host of special exhibits for children of all ages, including one along every Thursday and interactive theater every Friday. Call 212-274-0686.

FEBRUARY 4 AND 11

MOUNTAINSIDE—Registration for Spring troop at the Watching Stables for those troopers who rode during the spring and fall of 1994 from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. New members can register on the 11th from 9 a.m. to noon. Call 908-789-3665.

FEBRUARY 18, 19, 25, 26

SOUTH AMBOY—Aladdin will be performed at Club Bena at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

FEBRUARY 19

NORTH BRANCH—Jonathan Swift's Gulliver's Travels will be performed at Raritan Valley Community College at 1:00, 3:30 and 6:00 p.m. For more info call 908-725-3430.

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YOUTH/EDUCATION/SUCCESS

East Orange youth on the move

EAST ORANGE—"You Can't write programs about youth without their input," said Alberta Haywood, youth program manager for the city of East Orange.

Haywood voiced a high regard for Mayor Cardell Cooper of East Orange. "He deserves a lot of credit for providing a vehicle where youth can address issues directly affecting youth. When he created the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) in 1990, it showed his respect for the input and contributions of our young people," she added.

MYAC is comprised of 20 students in public and private high schools who collectively collaborate on issues affecting youth by providing the city with a voice for its youth. Students are recommended by guidance counselors and high school peers. MYAC meets bi-monthly in City Hall. In 1992, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee held their first speak-out in which youth expressed their concerns about community policing and other issues. They subsequently met with Mayor Cardell Cooper and Police Chief Harry Harman.

These meetings would later lay the groundwork for Teen Forums which were held at the East Orange Public library and various local churches.

MYAC's goals are to assist in developing policy and programs that will have a positive impact on youth in the city; to meet with Mayor Cardell Cooper to discuss issues affecting young citizens of East Orange, and to make recommendations for positive youth programs to improve their quality of life.

Tyron Z. Haywood, a high school senior and the MYAC president said, "Learning to be an intermediary between two groups has proven to be an interesting experience." The Advisory Committee future plans include working on a talent/fashion show to showcase local youth and developing the city's annual Teen Fest which attracted over 2,000 people last year.

MYAC members also volunteered during the city's annual Kids' Fest program and other city-wide programs.

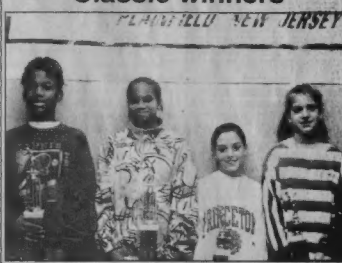
"These young people are really about the business of doing positive things. Encourage the media to focus more on the positive than on the nega-

tive things that today's youth are doing," said Haywood.

The Advisory Committee members have escorted dignitaries visiting East Orange from other countries during official ceremonies, working with the city on a special bicycle helmet safety program and also implemented the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. annual celebration. They have also served as master of ceremonies during National Community Development Block Grant Week and met with state and local officials. Lastly, The New York Times conducted an interview with MYAC members to discuss youth and gun violence.

"When I created the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee, I was then and have remained committed to providing the young people of this city with a means to not merely voice their concerns, but to provide a forum for developing policies which directly impact youth. Our young people in our nation, state and city are the ears and the eyes of a future generation. They are communicating and we must provide the vehicle to they may be heard," said Mayor Cooper.

Plainfield Holiday Tennis Classic winners



PLAINFIELD—Winners at the recent Plainfield Tennis Holiday Classic were (l-r) Carlene Young, Bianca Brown, Leigh Jester, Sarah Gowers.

Deadly potential of guns, real or toys



Dear Editor:

I think toy guns are bad. People could mistake them for a real gun and somebody could get hurt.

Parents shouldn't let little kids buy toy guns. I think that toy guns should not be sold in toy stores anymore.

I hope everyone reading my letter will think about not buying a toy gun.

Deanne Ward, Fifth Grade, Lafayette Street School, Newark

Reprinted from Woodland School Newsletter—Plainfield, N.J.

Khalil Robinson wins geography spelling bee

NEWARK—Khalil Gary Robinson, a 4th grade student of Conestoga Shule School was the recent winner of the school-level competition at the National Geography Bee competition on January 12. With this win, Robinson has a chance to win a \$25,000 college scholarship.

The school-level bee, at which students answered oral questions on geography, was the first round in the seventh annual National Geography Bee contest.

Robinson and other winners from around the nation are now eligible for

the written section of the test. Up to one hundred of the top scorers in each



Khalil Gary Robinson

state and territory will be eligible to compete in their state Bee on April 7.

Contest sponsor The National Geography Society will provide an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington, D.C. for the state champions and their teacher escorts to participate in the National competition on May 30 and 31.

The contest was developed by the National Geographic Society in response to a growing concern about the lack of geographic knowledge among young people in the U.S. A ten-country Gallup survey conducted for the Society in 1988 and 89 found that people in the U.S. ages 18 to 24, the youngest group surveyed knew less about geography than young people in any of the other countries surveyed.

The event will be aired on PBS stations nationwide on May 31.

Winners of the "I Have A Dream Essay and Coloring Competition"

PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield NAACP Youth Group sponsored an "I Have A Dream Essay and Coloring Competition" as part of the "Martin's Holiday Week Reception Living His Dreams" program at City Hall on January 10th. The following are essay award winners from the various public schools:

Evergreen School: Ahmad Attie, second grade, Shonda Williams, third grade.

Citizen School: Laquan Brown, kindergarten; Wahington School: Ebonite Frazier, first grade; Dioncia Perello, sixth grade; Stillman School: Karl Hatten, fourth grade; Derek Benning, seventh grade; Mason Jr. High: Vonetta Sterling, seventh grade; Hubbard Jr. High: Shaun Houston, eighth grade; Plainfield High School: Andre Johnson, eleventh grade.

Create a cake, eat it and you could to win \$5,000

CHICAGO—Kids ages 6 to 16 is this your opportunity to create a favorite animal, toy, building, dinosaur, car, plane, doll, map, train, mountain, volcano, ship or anything else you can imagine. The fun part is that you get to eat the finished design because it's made by carving, slicing, molding, squeezing or stacking pound cake and decorating it any way you want. No baking allowed!

Sara Lee is sponsoring the first Sweetest Kids No-Bake Bake-Off contest. Simply draw your design, carve it out of Sara Lee Pound Cake and decorate it in your most imaginative way.

There will be five finalists chosen on the basis of creativity and how much the cake looks like the real person, place, animal and thing that it represents. The first place winner will

receive \$5,000 in cash, second place \$2,000, third place \$1,500, fourth place \$1,000 and fifth place \$500.

Family Circle magazine is co-sponsoring the event with Sara Lee. Five finalists will be flown to New York in March with a parent or guardian for a no-bake bake-off event where winners will be selected. Family Circle will feature the winning recipes in a future issue. A recipe brochure with all of the winning recipes will be offered nationally.

Call 1-800-235-CAKE for a copy of the rules and an official entry blank. But hurry, entries must be received by February 17, 1995. Send your recipe and a photo of your creation to America's Sweetest Kids, 415 N. LaSalle St., Suite 700B, Chicago, Illinois 60610.

Students and community join in school celebration

NEWARK—Parents of children who once attended Mt. Pleasant Annex School will join community representatives and students in a celebration in honor of their elementary school and the late Rafael Hernandez, a noted Puerto Rican composer and musician, for whom the school was named. Rafael Hernandez Elementary School is located at Broadway and Harvey Street.

The student body and parents decided to name the school after Rafael Hernandez because of his great humor and contributions to the music industry.

Rafael Hernandez came to New York as a young man before World War I, playing the coronet, trombone and banjo. He also served in the mili-

tary. His career, which began with the founding of the Trio Borinquen, included a famous song which became known as an unofficial anthem because of its outcry against colonialism.

Over the years, he traveled to many countries before returning to Puerto Rico in the 1960's. At the close of 1965, Rafael Hernandez passed away. According to historians his funeral was one of the most impressive demonstrations of mourning ever seen in Puerto Rico.

Rafael Hernandez School, which opened in September 1994, has approximately 800 students from kindergarten to grade 8. The building includes some of the most up-to-date features found in a modern day school.

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Dr. Burch held memberships with organizations like the Boy Scouts, Planned Parenthood. He lobbied hard with an Ad Hoc Committee support-

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Eat the same foods you serve your children

- Ban junk food from your house
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Divide your eating into six small meals. Start your day with fruit, eat as much as you like. By midmorning you may want some whole wheat toast, oatmeal or corn grits. For lunch have a protein such as beans, chicken, fish or turkey with a non-starchy vegetable such as string beans or broccoli. For the remainder of the day alternate vegetable meals with either a protein or a starchy food like pasta or potatoes.

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Mayor Robert Brown, in cooperation with Foodtown, The Orange Nursing Division and the Orange Office of Older Adults invites seniors to attend the event on Tuesday, January 24 in order to apply for LIFE-LINE, PAAD and HEAP assistance. "Operation Reach Out," scheduled to be held at the Orange Foodtown from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. will offer, in addition to assistance programs, free blood pressure, \$5 prescriptions information on how to receive free heating and cooling and the various state/county and city-wide services available to seniors.

- ✓Two proofs of residence;
- ✓Copy of Social Security Award letter;
- ✓Proofs of pension or other income

Copy of 1993/1994 Income Tax Return (if it was filed)

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Billboard

ELIZABETH—The Elizabeth NAACP Youth Council is sponsoring a four-day Black College tour to Morgan, Howard, Hampton, Virginia State, Shaw, North Carolina-Central and North Carolina A&T. For questions and more info, call 908-353-2495 or 908-352-8860.

PLAINFIELD—Casting auditions will be held at the First Unitarian Society of Plainfield for beginners, males and females, ages teens to seventies and two experienced actors. For more info, call 908-474-4725 days or 908-757-7787 evenings.

JANUARY 17 THRU FEBRUARY 19

NEW BRUNSWICK—To Be Young Gifted and Black: The World of Lorraine Hansberry will be at the Crossroads, replacing What Use Are Flowers? For more info call 908-249-5560.

JAN. 20, 21, 27, 28 AND FEB. 3, 4

PISCATAWAY—The Circle Players presents "Two Rooms." For more info call 908-698-7855.

JANUARY 22

NEWARK—The NJ Symphony Orchestra will commemorate the 100th of the birth of African-American composer William Grant Still as part of its Classic Tradition Series at 8:30 p.m. For more info call 201-624-3715.

WATCHUNG—The Red Lion Jazz band will make its debut at the Watchung Arts Center at 2 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

NEW YORK—Pianist Johnny King, saxophonist Joshua Redman and bass player Larry Grenadier will appear at Bradley's. For more info call 212-228-6440 or 212-479-9700.

JANUARY 23 - 28

NEW YORK—Pianist Junior Mance, Bass player Calvin Hill and Saxophonist Joe Temperley will appear at Zino Bar and Restaurant. For more info call 212-924-5162.

JANUARY 27

WATCHUNG—Pianist Derek Smith returns to the Jazz Series at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

JANUARY 28

ATLANTIC CITY—Sinbad live at The Grand Resorts at 8 a.m. and 11 p.m. For more info call 609-340-2600.

WESTFIELD—Westfield Symphony Orchestra presents a Beethoven Concert at Westfield High School at 7 p.m. For more info call 908-232-9400.

JANUARY 29

WATCHUNG—Greg Paisley to perform at the Watchung Arts Center at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-753-0190.

FEBRUARY 1 THRU APRIL 30

MORRISTOWN—Visit the Star Trek Federation Science at the Morris Museum. For more info call 201-538-0454.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 5

NEW BRUNSWICK—Lorraine Hansberry's "A Raisin in the Sun" will be at the George Street Playhouse with 8 p.m. performances (Tues-Sat) and 2/7 p.m. performances (Sun, except 2/5). For more info call 908-246-7717.

FEBRUARY 12

NEWARK—NJ Symphony Orchestra sponsoring an AIDS Awareness Week event at Newark Symphony Hall at 3 p.m. For more info call 1-800-ALLE-GHO or 201-624-8203.

FEBRUARY 14

NEW YORK—Singer Mary Cleora-Haran will perform at Knickerbocker Bar and Grill. For more info call 212-228-8490.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 18

JERSEY CITY—There will be an art exhibition entitled "Shango: Change: An Installation by Ben Jones" honoring the African Yoruba god, Shango and St. Barbara at the Jersey City Museum from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public. For more info, call 201-547-4375.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 19

NEW YORK—"Younger Man Older Woman" starring Milla Jackson will be at the Beacon Theatre. For more info call 212-496-7070.

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 26

SUMMIT—"A Heroes and Heroines: From Myth to Reality" exhibit opens in the Palmer Gallery. For more info call 908-273-9121.

MARCH 1

WEST BURY—Patti LaBelle return to Westbury Music Hall at 8 p.m. For tickets call 516-334-0800.

WED. MARCH 1 THRU MAY 26

NEW YORK—"Performance 42nd" will appear again at the Whitney Museum of American Art at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 212-678-2435.

MARCH 5

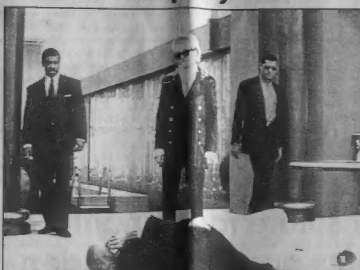
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ARTZ WEDNESDAY

Laurence Fishburne plus Ellen Barkin equals *Bad Company*



Pictured from (l-r) Michael Beach, Ellen Barkin, Laurence Fishburne. On ground is Spaldin Grey, supine.

Since the end of the cold war, the CIA has been exploring new ways to exert its influence, and a prime target has become the burgeoning business of industrial espionage.

In *Bad Company*, a story of espionage in the '90s, the CIA is attempting to infiltrate The Grimes Organization, an unscrupulous, private industrial espionage boutique, with clients in the Fortune 500. The company, nicknamed "The Tool Shed," is staffed with attractive, intelligent and ruthless individuals, all former operatives from various intelligence organizations, who are working for the sole purpose of feeding on the predicaments of others while amassing fortunes in the process.

Victor Grimes (Frank Langella), a cunning leader who is accustomed to being in charge, heads the organization. Margaret Wells (Ellen Barkin), a glamorous, career-driven woman, is his second in command.

Skilled in the art of espionage, Nelson Crowe (Laurence Fishburne), a former CIA operative who is out of favor with the agency because of alleged misconduct, is obliged by the

agency to infiltrate The Grimes Organization in order to reinstate himself within the spy community. Initially, Crowe's intentions are honorable, but by degree, encouraged by Margaret

and driven by disillusionment and finally greed, he sees that Victor Grimes could be removed and that he and Margaret could assume full control of the organization.

The Whispers set to play Club Bene

SOUTH AMBOY—Top R&B classic soul group, The Whispers, will be performing at the Club Bene Dinner Theatre, located on Rt. 35 in Sayreville, on Wednesday, February 15, for one night only. The Whispers fit perfectly into the Valentine's Day mode with their smooth blend of romantic music. On this one evening, The Whispers will perform shows at 8:00 and 10:00 p.m. with an optional dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.

The Capital recording artists have been doing their thing for over 20 years drilling millions of fans around the world. Hitting is an art that The Whispers mastered many years ago when stand up groups were commonplace and the music charts were frequently dominated by four and five man teams with trend setting choreography and tight harmonies. When twin brothers Walter and Wallace Scott, Nicholas Caldwell, Marcus Matson and Gordy Harmon first got together in Watts in 1964 they



R&B group The Whispers

recalled how they'd be outside singing til 4:00 a.m., about being big stars and being out there having a great time.

For further info or to reserve to spend a post Valentine's Day with The Whispers contact Club Bene at 908-727-3000.

The Black Male: Representations of Masculinity on display at Whitney Museum

by Paul Joseph

The African American male image has suffered great degradation at the hands of both popular media and the traditional fine art venues. They have helped to create the traditional stereotypical definitions of the black male either as an uneducated buffoon or a colossal social threat that must be severely dealt with.

Nearly forty years ago, the grieving mother of 14-year-old Emili Till insisted on having an open casket for all the world to see the atrocities committed on her son by the hands of white racist because he was black and male. Photographs of the dead boy's mutilated face sent a chilling shock throughout the African American community and the nation at large.

Still, in the 1990s, after a massive Civil Rights movement and the passage of several legislation geared toward strengthening the African American community, the black male is still the object of persecution. Some have even put him on the "endangered species list." The video tape beating of Rodney King at the hands of Los Angeles police is a testimony to that fact. Although the tape displayed the brutal beating of the black man, the suburban Simi Valley jury acquitted the white officers for just doing their job.

One thing that is clear from these incidents is that when it comes to race, specifically the African American male, the majority culture only sees what it has been conditioned to see or want to see.

A painfully and exhilarating display at New York's Whitney Museum called the Black Male: Representations of Masculinity in Contemporary American Art challenges the negative stereotypical depiction of the black male and demonstrates the complexity and beauty in being black and male in America.

The exhibit features over 100 works by 29 artists, both black and white, from the 1970s to the present. It includes names such as Adrian Piper, who in the early 1970s dressed as black man in order to experience the animosity and indifference faced by many African American men.

Using painting, photography and mixed media works, "The Exhibition responds to two hundred years of artistic degradation of the black male image," according to Museums New York Magazine.

The art in the exhibition is organized into three categories derived from the symbolic meaning of the black nationalist flag: red, black and green.

The display began with works associated with the color "red." These works challenged stereotypes and center on the violence associated with the black struggle for liberation. One of such work is Robert Arneson's "Assistant to the President" which highlights the role Willie Horton played in the 1988 presidential election. Horton was used by Republican strategists in the campaign to discredit democratic challenger Michael Dukakis. They charged that an early furlough granted to the convicted rapist by the Massachusetts governor was an example of his leniency toward crime. The "Willie Horton" ad became another stereotype of African American male as a dangerous menace to society.

Under the color "black" various artists examine the black male body and psyche as a whole. The artist re-



spond to the sexual and psychological myths associated with the black male physique since slavery. The exhibition ends with images that symbolizes hope and growth, associated with the "green" of the nationalist flag. Through these works, the artists seek to bring truth to the African American male image. They portray dignified images that contradict those of the mass media representations which characterizes the black man as a criminal, drug user, overall social misfit the scapegoat for the crumbling American social/political system.

The exhibit is made possible by a grant from Eileen and Peter Norton and the Norton Family Foundation, the National Endow-

ment for the Arts, the Rockefeller Foundation, and the National Committee on the Whitney Museum. It runs until March 5, 1995.

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WOODBIDGE—Business Opportunity Seminar. Sponsored by Shafyne's Services. For info call 908-985-7207.

NEW YORK—Business Opportunity Seminar. For info call 908-985-7207.

PLAINFIELD—Black Business Association of Plainfield meeting at the Mohawk Lodge at 7:30 p.m. For info call 908-561-5999.

MAYS LANDING—Government Contractors for Small Business sponsored by the NJIT PTA Center. For info call 609-347-7807.

NEWARK—The Downtown Security Alliance will meet at the Newark Club at 2 p.m. For more info call 212-242-6237.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26
FREEDHOLD—NJAWBO Regional Annual Dinner Meeting. For info call 608-642-0293.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 28
JERSEY CITY—A ten week security management and administration in-house non-credit course is being offered from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more info call 201-200-3089.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31
PHILADELPHIA—Fundamentals of Marketing, Modern Concepts and Practice. Sponsored by the AMA. For info call 1-800-262-9999.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1
HOUSTON—World of Opportunity: A Day of Opportunity for Minority Entrepreneurs seminar. Sponsored by the American Association of Minority Business, Inc. For info call 1-800-381-2252.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3
WAYNE—Former Mayor of New York City Mayor David Dinkins will discuss The Future of the American City during the Wayne University Dinkins Lecture Series. For info call 201-595-2965.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5
JERSEY CITY—For Women Only: Start Your Own Business at Home. A Half-Day Seminar. For info call 201-714-2107.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6
NEW YORK—Competitive Strategies: How to Develop Marketing Plans, Strategies & Tactics. Sponsored by the AMA. Call 1-800-262-9999 for info.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7
BRIDGEWATER—The Somerset County Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its second business card exchange at the Bridgewater Sports Arena, 1425 Yonkers Rd., Bridgewater from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more info call 908-725-1532.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8
LINCOLN—Are You an Entrepreneur? A reality check for women who ask "Is business ownership for me?" Free seminar sponsored by NJAWBO. For info call 908-707-0173.

SOMERSET—Economic Vitality Award Luncheon. Sponsored by NatWest Bank. For info call 908-752-1552.

NEW BRUNSWICK—Discrimination in the Workplace. Lecture sponsored by the NJSBF. For info call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9
TRENTON—Government Contractors for Small Business. Sponsored by the NJIT PTA Center. For info call 609-347-7807.

NEWARK—Center City Development Corporation Plenary Sessions will be at the Newark Club, 22nd fl. from 8 to 9:30 a.m. For more info call 201-242-6237.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10
HACKENSACK—Training And Employment seminar at Bergen County Technical Schools at 9:30 a.m. For more info call 201-343-6000 ext. 3346.

UNION—Develop a Successful Marketing Plan. Sponsored by the Keen College Small Business Development Center. For info call 908-527-2848.

NEWARK—Export for Women & Minorities. Sponsored by the NJDIT. For info call 609-292-3460.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11
NEW YORK—Presenting Your Professional Image seminar will be presented at NYU from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more info call 212-996-7080.

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MT HOLLY—Starting a Business. Sponsored by the RSDC. For info call 609-267-9900.

NEW BRUNSWICK—State & Federal Income Tax. Sponsored by NJSBF. For info call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

GARWOOD—NJAWBO Dinner Meeting. For info call 908-688-0707.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15
BRIDGEWATER—What's My Business and How to Communicate It Effectively? seminar sponsored by the

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SBA places limit on loan amounts

\$500,000 ceiling on most loan guarantees in effect from January 1

WASHINGTON DC—The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has announced the imposition of a \$500,000 ceiling on the size of most loans the agency will guarantee under its 7(a) loan guarantee program.

According to SBA Administrator Philip Lader, the change in procedure is due to an unprecedented demand for loans from small business owners nationwide.

The modification marks the first time the agency will limit the maximum qualifying amount on its guaranty loan program. Prior to the change, loans of any dollar value could be considered for an SBA guarantee, although the agency would

only guarantee a portion of an amount up to \$750,000.

"Over the past year there has been an incredible demand for SBA 7(a) loan guarantees," said Lader. "This action is being taken to ensure that adequate funding is available for the balance of the fiscal year."

According to Lader, SBA loan volume is running at an average rate of \$38 million per day, the highest demand for 7(a) loan guarantees in its history.

"Without this change, the \$750 billion in current available funds would be exhausted prior to the end of the fiscal year," said Lader.

"This change will allow the SBA

to serve the greatest number of small businesses possible, and enable us to continue our prudent lending practices."

According to Francisco A. Marrero, SBA New Jersey district director, loan volume over the first quarter (October 1 to December 30) in New Jersey reached record levels. The agency approved 212 loans for \$42.6 million to New Jersey small businesses.

During SBA's fiscal year 1994 which ended September 30, loans of more than \$500,000 accounted for 11 percent of the more than 50,000 loans the agency approved nationwide. Loans exceeding the new ceiling ac-

counted for 38 percent of the \$8.2 billion the Association backed during 1994.

In New Jersey, loans of more than \$500,000 accounted for 12 percent of the 520 loans approved during fiscal year 1994 and 35 percent of the \$136.5 million backed by the SBA during the same period.

"Given the options of not making loans by July or to continue into next September, I'd rather continue to make loans available up to \$500,000, than

shut down the loan operation completely," said Marrero.

Lader said SBA's Export Working Capital, the GreenLine Asset Based, the Defense Diversification and Pollution Control loan programs will not be affected by the change in the ceiling.

Additionally, there will be no change in the 504 Certified Development Company Loan program, which can continue to be used for long-term, fixed-asset financing.

MONEY STRATEGIES

No-load funds, a profitable investment

by Charles J. Givens

Since Americans have discovered the profits from investing in mutual funds, millions of dollars have been moved out of banks into the stock market.

If you are contemplating such a move, my recommendation is to invest in no-load mutual funds.

A true no-load mutual fund charges no commissions when you invest and no commissions when you withdraw your money. Out of the more than 2,000 mutual funds, about 300 are no-load.

All mutual funds, whether they charge commissions or not, charge about 1 percent per year for management fees and expenses. For this fee the mutual fund does the research, chooses the investments, watches the markets for you, keeps all records of your account and sends you periodic statements.

No-load funds give you a great deal of investment help for very little money.

A load is a sales commission and not a management fee. The load is paid to a broker, brokerage firm, financial planner, insurance agent or whomever else "sells" you the investment.

A load or sales commission does nothing to increase your chances for profit. It is simply an expense.

By eliminating the middleman, you save up to 9 percent in commissions.

Paying a commission in a load fund does not earn you extra profits. Studies for more than 20 years have shown that no-load and load funds perform equally when the sales charge is disregarded. Often there are more no-load than load funds in the list of top 20 best-performing funds.

When you do include sales commissions in calculating mutual fund performance, load funds can earn even less.

To locate no-load funds consult the book *More Wealth Without Risk*, or one of the many investing magazines available.

Training institute for minority entrepreneurs opens in Camden

TRENTON—Minorities and women with entrepreneurial aspirations will have an opportunity to participate in the state-sponsored Entrepreneurial Training Institute (ETI) program scheduled to begin this month in Camden.

Sponsored by the New Jersey Development Authority for Small Businesses, Minorities' and Women's Enterprises (NJDA), the ETI provides training to eligible entrepreneurs on how to establish and operate a business. Graduates from the course are eligible to receive financing from a revolving loan fund established by the NJDA specifically for the graduates, according to Prakash A. Shah, NJDA chairman.

"This program brings together training and financing opportunities to make it easier for women and minorities to enter the world of business ownership," notes State Commerce Commissioner Gualberto (Gil) Medina. "Basic business skills and capital are important to anyone starting a business, especially women and minorities who too often are locked out when it comes to help on how to run a business and obtaining start up money. The Entrepreneurial Training Institute is a well thought out, practical program that has achieved positive results in addressing these key issues."

ETI consists of two components: 1) an introductory workshop which helps determine whether an individ-

ual has the personality characteristics crucial to entrepreneurial success and 2) a training workshop which covers practical topics from business planning and goal setting to how to make decisions about financing and marketing, explains Karen S. Franzini, executive director of the New Jersey Economic Development Authority (EDA), which administers the programs of the NJDA.

The introductory workshop will be held in Camden at the Genesis School of Business, Parkside building, in suite 405 on Wednesday, January 25, from 6 to 9 p.m. This workshop is a prerequisite for enrollment in the training workshop. A \$15 fee is required.

Training will be held on Wednesday beginning February 8, 6 to 9 p.m. Fees for the training workshop

are \$135. To be eligible for the program entrepreneurs must be a member of a minority group or a woman.

According to Bryan Finnie, director of the EDA's Urban Programs Division, which administers the ETI program, ETI was launched on a pilot basis in Atlantic City in 1992 out of a need to better coordinate the technical and financing needs of women and minority entrepreneurs to strengthen their capacity for business success. The program was expanded statewide last year. To date, 86 individuals have graduated from the program and 13 entrepreneurs have been approved for loans to carry out their business plans.

For additional information on the ETI programs please call 609-292-1890.

Voice of reason

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to move more aggressively to balancing the budget on the backs of poor people, hopeless people, people who are disenfranchised and don't have a strong voice. And we're going to be the voice of those people."

The CBC's agenda under Payne's leadership will, among other things, be "to expose some of the draconian kind of proposals [in the Contract with America] like two years of welfare, children going into orphanages and women going into homes for unwed mothers."

The Contract with America is a series of proposals advanced by some Republicans that seek to radically alter the nature of government. "I think most people don't even know there was a contract," said Payne. "The contract became visible after the election. Now they're trying to live up to a so-called mandate that wasn't a mandate based on the contract, so it's a flawed thinking..." he continued.

The congressman was elected by his peers to lead the CBC based on his skill at political negotiation. Several other CBC members sought the post, including Maxine Waters, Barbara Rose Collins and Harold Ford.

The CBC chairman noted, "you've got 41 members, all of whom could do the job well, they're all skilled, and they all get elected by over half a million people—so they're all capable and there is no rift [among CBC members]."

The secret to his success is, he said, "People looked at my accomplishments, my ability to get strong changes in policy with Haiti, in getting the U.S. to intervene in Somalia and Rwanda, both with President Bush, and in Rwanda and Haiti with President Clinton. So they [CBC members] looked at my results and they knew that I had to negotiate, to deliberate and discuss, because the results



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'Saving our children'

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Black infant mortality rates decreased by half over the 60's and 70's. We shouldn't be slashing health care. We ought to be providing comprehensive health care for everybody... Black child and family poverty decreased 40 percent, and poverty among the black elderly decreased 20 percent. We shouldn't be talking about slashing school lunches and social programs... we should be talking about slashing poverty—that's what the issues are—by providing jobs. Let's thoroughly debate any proposal which may increase rather than decrease the gap between black, brown and white, rich, middle class and poor children in America. Let's prod our nation to decide that our racial diversity will be its greatest strength rather than its fatal weakness."

Edelman challenged "every American leader, parent and child" to personally and collectively commit to reclaiming our nation's soul and giving our children back their hope and sense of security, their belief in our country's future and their ability to dream about a future that they can actually achieve.

She encouraged every adult to "hold themselves accountable" and to be a personal audit of their behavior to see what messages the children are receiving.

"Let us start a movement to tell our children that we love them, and we love them enough to struggle for them, and we love them enough to fight for them, and let us tell Dr. King that we will love him enough and his memory enough not just to honor him, but to follow him."

For New Jersey Governor Whitman assured the standing room only audience "despite our commitment to reduce government spending and eliminate some services, we are holding the line on programs that help children."

"The state cannot fix every social problem that affects children. Decades of experience have proven that the state cannot do it alone. We need neighbors supporting each other, churches and nonprofit and civic groups... schools taking greater support for their children... but government has a role that we can neither deny nor shirk. We must protect our children from abuse and neglect wherever and whenever we can."

"We must ensure them access to a decent education so they develop the knowledge and skills they will need to succeed, we must do all we can to promote healthy practices for pregnant women and new parents."

"We have made a start in New Jersey. We encourage pregnant women to take the test for HIV because we know we can save babies' lives with early detection and treatment. We will endorse Megan's law because we know that caring communities can help prevent youngsters, the most vulnerable amongst us, from falling victim to sex offenders. We will make it easier for families in the WIC program to get immunized, because we know healthy children have the best opportunity to lead productive lives."

Voice of reason

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were always very positive and that's what the members felt they needed at this time," Payne said it was a "privilege and honor" to have the support of his peers.

The new CBC chair will use these skills in meetings with the Speaker of the House "to discuss the flaws of some of his policies and the draconian approaches that they're taking which are 18th rather than 21st century."

Payne urged the active involvement of the community in pushing for reasonable policy changes. "We need to have the churches start to talk about taking things for granted," he said. "Nothing is for granted—food stamps, school lunch programs, WIC programs! transportation subsidies that keep the bus free, down—all of

"We will help cities like Paterson and Jersey City to set up public pre-K and full care kindergartens, because we know that the more attention we give children in the earlier years, the better their chances to succeed in school in the later years. We have called for statewide tests for every fourth grader so we can judge their progress and get them back on course before it's too late. We will radically reform our juvenile justice system because we know that prevention and early intervention give us the best hope of turning young, troubled lives around."

"Children cannot eat rhetoric and they cannot be sheltered by commissions. I don't want to see another commission that studies the needs of children—we need to help them," said Whitman in recalling a remark made by Edelman several years ago. Whitman said he agrees with the sentiment, but questions "how do you change someone's behavior whose life expectancy is 16? How do you motivate these young people to work for a future that they don't even believe they have? How much rhetoric can you feed them, how many commissions can you offer to shelter them?"

"Regaining Dr. King's dream for our children will mean redoubling our efforts to restore hope to their lives," Whitman said. "It will mean making schools safer so that every child that wants to learn, can learn without fear. It will mean supporting business growth because every new job means a better future for some family here in New Jersey."

According to former state Attorney General Douglas Eakley, "sadly, 27 years after Dr. King's untimely death, America finds itself at one of its darkest hours. We are today more separate and more unequal as a nation than we were when he died," he said.

Virtually overlooked in the national debate over welfare reform are the millions of children who grow up everyday and suffer from homelessness, malnutrition, sensory deprivation—diseases which are imminently preventable—inadequate schooling and violence enveloping of their lives and they die at acceptably high rates.

"This is not a situation beyond our control. The United States has deliberately chosen to spend less on social welfare programs that have proven their effectiveness over time, and chosen to spend less on those programs than any other advanced industrialized state in the world. As Dr. King once put it, 'poverty in America is rooted not in a lack of resources, but in a tragic defect in human development.'"

The event which was sponsored by the Boys' and Girls' Club of Newark and The Association for Children of New Jersey was well attended by a host of prominent community leaders. Some of whom also participated in the ceremonies, including Rev. William D. Walter, pastor of St. James, who served as master of cer-

emonies, Mayor Sharpe James, who presented Edelman with the key to the city; Rev. Chris Leslie, of Habitat for Humanity, who gave the invocation; Dean Peter Sabone, of Trinity and St. Philip's Cathedral, who offered a meditation; Rev. Debra "Buster" Soaries, of First Baptist Church of Lincoln Garden, gave a stirring benediction and Kevin McCleese, Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Newark's Youth of the Year, who presented Governor Whitman with the address.

Also attending the celebration were Congressman Donald Payne, State Senator Ronald Rice and Essex Orange Mayor Cardell Cooper.

The Association for Children of New Jersey is an independent, statewide, nonprofit child advocacy organization which advocates on a wide variety of issues, particularly foster care and adoption, education, child care, health and nutrition, juvenile justice and children's legal rights. Boys' and Girls' Clubs is a youth development organization for youngsters ages 6-18 which helps to develop skills, build self-esteem and teach values.

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Third, we must assure that dependent children retain welfare benefits. They must not become victims in the name of reform.

Fourth, we must remove the present provisions that destroy and prevent the building and strengthening of families.

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Plainfield honors King

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children are not receiving quality education, then we need to create our own educational establishment.

Whitehurst-Mims also went on to talk about taking back our community from lingering drug dealers polluting the neighborhood streets.

"We must commit ourselves totally for common causes greater than ourselves... To get drug dealers off the street, we must do it. Just imagine what would happen if on Monday morning when the judge walks in the courtroom and there was no one there."

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the quack-myer. If you want a clean neighborhood clean it up yourself... It is absurd to believe that your oppressor will give you the tools that you need to make it."

Dr. King's dream was kept alive and Whitehurst-Mims' speech brought the event to a close with a reading of the "I Have a Dream" speech presented by three first graders of the Marva Collins Preparatory School.

Dressed in red and blue dresses, Britanni Chavious 7, Dana Austin 6, and Sadiqa Cash also 6, received a standing ovation for reciting the

speech as though it were their own.

Also in attendance was Plainfield Mayor Mark Pary, who was so overwhelmed with Prof. Whitehurst-Mims' speech and with the impeccable performance of the first grade trio that he declared the day Whitehurst-Mims Day.

Even though, King's dream, of having his children judged by the content of their character rather than color of their skin, is still unfulfilled, with more Cleaster Whitehurst-Mims of the World, perhaps Britanni, Dana and Sadiqa will one day experience the full extent of Dr. King's dream.

Farewell to Dr. Reynolds Burch

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with the Leaguers reminded him of his roots and at a time in his life when he too was one among many.

A native of Augusta, Maine, his parents were one of the few African American families living in Gardiner, Maine where he graduated from the local high school in 1929 after excelling in varsity track and football, on the student council, debating team and as senior captain of the track team.

He continued to be an outstanding student at Bates College where he earned a BS degree in 1933 and racked up more honors as an athlete, member senior choir and dramatic club and Lawrence Chemical Society.

Later his postgraduate studies included Atlanta and Howard Universities and his degree as a doctor of medicine in 1942 and a tenure as president of the Assn. of Medical Students Howard Chapter.

He served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps as a Squadron Flight Surgeon from 1943-1946, having graduated from the U.S. Air Force School of Aviation Medicine as an Aviation Medical Examiner.

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Temple University, he was ready for private practice.

The rest is history. His affiliation with Clara Mass Hospital, United Hospitals of Newark, Maryland and UMDNJ are legendary as is his work in and for the city of Newark and its varied health projects.

It is not surprising Dr. Burch was honored numerous times as a "distinguished humanitarian" and for "meritorious service" to his community.

He leaves a rich heritage for this community and one of his greatest pleasures was in 1978 when he was named "Distinguished Honoree" during Essex County College's Second Annual Black History Week celebration.

"How nice it is to smell the roses, he said in accepting the honor. In addition to his wife, he is survived by six cousins: Carlisle Burch of Bermuda, Mrs. Eula Burch Jones of Bermuda, Arthur Burch, New York, Philip Burch, Philadelphia, Dr. Robert Burch of South Jersey and Ronald Trout of Bermuda.

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As I see it...

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economic justice.

Somewhere along the line many of us have forgotten what Dr. King really died for and we don't even understand that African Americans have slowly and silently regressed to a pre-civil rights movement mentality.

Sanctioning the trivialization of Dr. King's memory makes us part of the problem we blame on "the same evil forces that destroyed Martin Luther King," Mrs. King spoke of in accusing the National Park Service of trying "to trespass on the family's control of King's legacy."

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